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1. SUMMARY: IN MEETING JULY 30, GARRISON EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN TO VORONTSOV ABOUT FAILURE OF SOVIETS IN NEW YORK TO OBSERVE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THEIR PRESENCE IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY

1. IN MEETING JULY 30, SOV DIRECTOR GARRISON EXPRESSED CONCERN TO SOVIET DCM VORONTSOV REGARDING FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN JUNE 18, 1975 GARRISON-VORONTSOV LETTER CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF SOVIETS IN NEW

YORK IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE CONGEN. STATEMENT REFERRED TO MYSHKOV'S CONTINUED RESIDENCE IN FUTURE CONGEN BUILDING AND VARIOUS UNAUTHORIZED PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO THE CONGEN BUILDING (I.E., SANDBLASTING, PAINTING, CONSTRUCTING PASSAGEWAY BETWEEN CONGEN BUILDING AND ADJACENT HOUSE). (SEE PARA 7 FOR TEXT).

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2. VORONTSOV SAID MYSHKOV DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW FOR SEVERAL

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MONTHS, SO HIS RESIDENCE IN BUILDING IS NO LONGER PROBLEM. GARRISON REPLIED THAT WE STILL CONSIDERED HIS ACTION INAPPROPRIATE.

3. GARRISON SAID THAT IN AGREEING TO LET SOVIETS PURCHASE A BUILDING IN NEW YORK BEFORE WE HAD AN ADEQUATE OFFER OF PROPERTY IN KIEV, USG HAD BEEN RESPONDING TO SOVIET REQUEST THAT WE EXPERIMENT BY DEVIATING FROM PAST PATTERN OF EXACT RECIPROCITY. THIS WAS A POSSIBLE MODEL FOR THE FUTURE, BUT CONDITIONS WE LAID DOWN HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY IGNORED. GARRISON CONTINUED BY SAYING WE NOW STILL HUNG UP ON PROPERTY LINES AND MINOR PROBLEMS IN KIEV, AND THAT IT SEEMED EVERY TIME WE HAVE RUN INTO PROBLEMS IN KIEV, WE HAVE HAD TO PUT ON PRESSURE IN CONNECTION WITH NEW YORK. VORONTSOV REPLIED MYSHKOV GOING TO KIEV TO SEE WHAT HE CAN DO ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS. GARRISON AGREED THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4. GARRISON THEN POINTED OUT THE UNAUTHORIZED WORK BEING DONE IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE AGREED TO SPECIFIC SECURITY-RELATED WORK BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED OR APPROVED WRITTEN REQUEST FOR THE WORK NOW UNDERWAY. GARRISON SAID THIS WORK SHOULD CEASE IMMEDIATELY. VORONTSOV REPLIED HE WOULD TALK TO KULESHOV, WHO IS NOW HANDLING MATTERS IN MYSHKOV'S ABSENCE, AND WOULD DISCUSS WITH HIM THE MATTERS RAISED IN THE NON-PAPER.

5. GARRISON ENDED BY SAYING HE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM VORONTSOV ON THE NEW YORK MATTERS AND HOPES MYSHKOV WILL BE ABLE TO END THE PETTY BICKERING IN KIEV ABOUT WHERE PROPERTY LINES WOULD BE.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GARRISON STATEMENT:

7. QUOTE IT HAS COME TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THAT COUNSELOR ANATOLIY G. MYSHKOV CONTINUES TO RESIDE AT 9 EAST 91ST STREET IN NEW YORK CITY WHICH IS TO BE THE FUTURE SITE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE USSR. THE EMBASSY IS REMINDED OF THE GARRISON TO VORONTSOV LETTER OF JUNE 18, 1975, AGREEING TO ALLOW ONLY THREE PERSONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

SECOND SECRETARY RANK OR BELOW TO RESIDE IN THE BUILDING. AS HAD BEEN POINTED OUT TO THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR MR. MYSHKOV TO RESIDE IN THE BUILDING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE RECONFIGURATION OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS IN KIEV AND NEW YORK HAS BEGUN.

8. QUOTE FURTHERMORE, WE CALL THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO THE AGREEMENT ALSO STATED IN THE GARRISON TO VORONTSOV

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LETTER OF JUNE 18, 1975, THAT QUOTE SPECIFIC CHANGES TO THE PREMISES IN NEW YORK FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY TO BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE BEGINNING OF RECONFIGURATION WORK ON THE BUILDINGS, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT UPON THE WIRTTEN REQUEST OF THE EMBASSY. UNQUOTE IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT CERTAIN WORK IS BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THE 9 EAST 91ST STREET BUILDING THAT IS CLEARLY NOT UNDER THE CATEGORY OF ENSURING THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE BUILDING, NOR HAVE WE RECEIVED A WRITTEN REQUEST ASKING APPROVAL OF THIS WORK. WE REFER TO THE SANDBLASTING OF THE FACADE OF THE BUILDING AT 9 EAST 91ST STREET, THE PAINTING OF THE INTERIOR WALLS, THE WIDENING OF THE ADJACENT PARKING LOT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PASSAGEWAY BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS AT 9 EAST 91ST STREET AND 11 EAST 91ST STREET. WE CONSIDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PASSAGEWAY PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE IN THAT IT CLEARLY REPRESENTS A RECONFIGURATION OF THE BUILDING. THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES CALL INTO QUESTION THE GOOD FAITH OF THE EMBASSY IN RESPECTING THE AGREEMENT THAT RECONFIGURATION OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS, INCLUDING REMODELING OR REPAIR, WILL START SIMULTANEOUSLY. THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD CEASE IMMEDIATELY.

9. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE IN ALLOWING CARETAKERS TO RESIDE IN THE BUILDING, IN GRANTING EXTENSIONS OF VISAS FOR SPECIALISTS MAKAROV AND BAYEV, AND IN AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SECURITY WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE RECONFIGURATION WORK BEGINS ON BOTH OFFICE BUILDINGS. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT IS DEEPLY DISTURBED OVER THE CONTINUED VIOLATION BY THE EMBASSY OF THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE JUNE 18, 1975, AND JUNE 4, 1976, GARRISON TO VORONTSOV LETTERS REGARDING THE SIMULTANEOUS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSULATES GENERAL
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10. QUOTE IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE CONDITIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO IN THE FUTURE. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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